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Transient Charged with Assault, Smashing Dozens of Car Windows in Koreatown

A 32-year-old homeless man was charged today with smashing the windows of 29 cars, including one with the driver inside, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

William Michael Ramirez (dob 6/24/84) faces 18 felony counts including one count of assault with a deadly weapon and 17 counts of vandalism \$400 or more.

Case BA453335 also includes 12 misdemeanor counts of vandalism less than \$400.

Ramirez is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

On Jan. 2, the defendant is charged with using a metal saw blade to smash the windows of 28 cars and the rear window of a car being driven near Third and Catalina Streets, prosecutors said.

If convicted as charged, Ramirez faces a possible maximum sentence of more than 27 years in jail if convicted as charged. Bail is recommended at \$370,000.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Olympic Division.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.